

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/613,660	EXCOFFIER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response, filed October 27, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-21, 24-36, and 39-45 (renumbered as 1-39).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

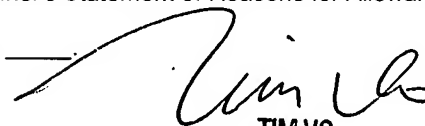
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-~~6~~, 9-21, 24-36, and 39-45 (renumbered as 1-39) are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention individually or in combination as directed to the limitations of "b) adding an attribute to the existing role entry having a special attribute name and being associated with an attribute value defining the extra scope in the tree...based on the designated location according to a second predefined rule...c) attaching the role of the existing role entry to a second user entry...and the second user entry belonging to the extra scope; and performing a role operation with the update tree...identifies that the second user entry possesses the role, as set forth in claim 1, and similarly in claims 16 and 31.
4. Dependent claims 2-6, 9-15, 17-21, 24-30, 32-36, and 39-45 being further limiting to the independent claim 1, 16, or 31, are definite, and enabled by the specification are also allowed.
5. The closest prior art provided in the previous Office Action fails to disclose the limitations cited above as being free of any prior art when read in the claims as a whole. For example, Yiatelis et al. describes a role-based security for distributed object systems, and Lupu et al. describes a reconciling role based management and role based access control; however, Yiatelis et al. or Lupu et al., individually or in combination, fails to describe the claimed invention.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. Dune Ly, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo, can be reached on (571) 72-3642.

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